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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 124 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/60/608 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 64th and 66th meetings, on 27 and 30 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.64 and 66).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council: United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (A/60/585/Add.3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices, and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council [International Independent Investigation Commission/United Nations Office in Timor-Leste] (A/60/585/Add.4);

(c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.39 and 41).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.63

4. At its 66th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council" (A/C.5/60/L.63), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Namibia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.63 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[1] as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Reaffirms* the relevant provisions of section I of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Approves* the budgets of $59,647,600 gross ($54,744,100 net) for the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2006, $18,971,400 gross ($17,020,000 net) for the International Independent Investigation Commission for the period from 16 June to 31 December 2006 and $5,776,200 gross ($5,253,500 net) for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste for the period from 21 June to 31 August 2006;

5. *Takes note* of the unencumbered balances in the amounts already appropriated for the three missions totalling $6,043,400;

6. *Decides* to approve a charge of $51,908,500, corresponding to the unassigned balance against the provision for special political missions, appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

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[1] A/60/585/Add.3 and Add.4.

[2] A/60/7/Add.39 and Add.41.

7. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of $19,065,700 under section 3, Political affairs, and $7,377,600 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.